

ILLINOIS SELF-INSURERS ADVISORY BOARD
ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2011
Chicago, IL 10:30 a.m.

Board Attendees: Chairman Mitch Weisz, Curtis Beam, Gerald Cooper and via conference call: Brian Baer, David Taylor

Staff Attendees: Manager Maria Sarli-Dehlin, Jean Cannon, Bob Devereaux, Kimberly Janas, Ron Rascia, Maria Sarli-Dehlin, Lynette Thompson-Smith and via conference call: Wendy Davidson, Kevin Leach

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A previously prepared and posted agenda was distributed, a copy of which is attached.

I. Minutes

Chairman Weisz clarified the effective date for out-of-state services to be paid at the lesser rate of the state's medical fee schedule or schedule in effect for employee's residence was 9/1/2011.

Upon motion by Gerald Cooper, seconded by Curtis Beam, the minutes of the Board meeting held on June 8, 2011, were unanimously approved as presented.

II. Chairman's Report

Chairman Weisz introduced two new employees: Bob Devereaux and Kimberly Janas. Mr. Devereaux is a Fraud Prevention and Efficiency Controller and acting Fiscal Manager. Ms. Janas is the new Operations Manager/Secretary and will be responsible for updating the workers' compensation rules.

Chairman Weisz reported interviews have been conducted for current arbitrators and other candidates. The Workers' Compensation Advisory Board's recommendations for the appointment of arbitrators are due September 16, 2011 and the changes will take place by September 30, 2011.

III. Manager's Report

A. Security Fund Forecast

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented to the Board the security fund forecast as of 6/30/2011.

Ron Rascia, legal counsel, reported he is waiting for a legal assessment from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget regarding the request to return the \$10,000,000 borrowed by the State's General Revenue Fund.

Discussion ensued regarding the assessment fund balance and need to issue an assessment. Instead of assessing the maximum rate, the Chairman recommended a lower assessment rate be charged because revenue collected from the lesser rate would reduce the self-insurers' burden but allow the Board to meet its obligations. After discussion, and upon motion by Gerald Cooper, seconded by Curtis Beam, the Board unanimously voted to issue a security fund assessment at a rate of .35%.

B. Fund Balances

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented reports for the Security and Administration Funds that included current and past budgets, expenditures, revenue and fund balances.

IV. New Business: None

Thereafter, at 10:50 a.m., the Chairman moved to go into closed session to discuss the litigation/attorney's report pursuant to 2(c)11 of the Open Meetings Act. Upon motion by Gerald Cooper, seconded by Curtis Beam, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting, after which the Board convened in closed session.

After closed session, the Board reconvened in open session. There being no further business, upon motion by Gerald Cooper, seconded by Curtis Beam, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting of the ISIAB is scheduled for December 14, 2011 at 10:30 am in the JRTC-Chicago office.